

I call on you to hold an official public hearing in my state.

Before the disastrous 2003 decision to weaken media ownership rules (which a federal court has now overturned), you held only one official public hearing. Further, FCC officials met behind closed doors 71 times with major broadcasters – but only five times with public interest groups. And to justify your actions, you used deceptive, industry-sponsored research data.

The will of Big Media had been heeded at the expense of American citizens and democracy itself. This has to end. Before you rewrite the ownership rules, I demand an official public FCC hearing in my state, impartial and verifiable research, and transparent debates.

It is time to put the needs of democracy – a diverse, skeptical, independent and competitive media system – ahead of profit-hungry media giants.

Aloha Mr. Powell,
I have been noticing over the last 10 or so years that the media is basically reporting rubbish. I value the democratic process and try to keep myself informed of local, national and world events. It is increasingly hard to get objective views from giant media corporations so I read newspapers and news networks from abroad. You are letting the democratic process and the people of the US down by allowing and encouraging the further consolidation of media.
Sincerely,
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